

Rewrite the following sentences using modal verbs.

1. Perhaps she's gone to stay with her mother.

SHE MAY/MIGHT HAVE GONE TO STAY WITH HER MOTHER

(modal perfect/possibility in the past)

2. I'm certain that he buried something in the garden.

SHE MUST HAVE BURIED SOMETHING IN THE GARDEN

(modal perfect/deduction about the past)

3. James definitely isn't eighteen.

JAMES CAN'T BE EIGHTEEN.

(Negative deduction in the present)

4. It isn't necessary for you to take a jacket.

YOU DON'T HAVE TO/NEEDN'T TAKE A JACKET.

(Absence of obligation or necessity in the present)

5. I advise you to see a dentist.

YOU SHOULD / OUGHT TO SEE A DENTIST.

(advise in the present)

6. You aren't allowed to talk during the exam.

YOU MUSTN'T / CAN'T TALK DURING THE EXAM.

(Prohibition/lack of permission in the present)

7. It wasn't a good idea to ask the other couple to come with us

WE SHOULDN'T HAVE ASKED THE OTHER COUPLE TO COME WITH US.

(modal perfect/criticism or reproach of a past action)

8. I am certain you haven't seen John because he is on a trip.

YOU CAN'T HAVE SEEN JOHN BECAUSE HE IS ON A TRIP.

(modal perfect/deduction about the past)

9. I didn't have the ability to cook when I was younger.

I COULDN'T COOK WHEN I WAS YOUNGER.

(past ability)

10. Would you mind lending me your pen? (borrow)

CAN I BORROW YOUR PEN?

(permission)

Fill in the blanks with the correct modal verb (or semi-modal) from the box.

Mustn't / don't have to / can't / shouldn't have / be able to / must / may / must have

1. I am afraid I won't **BE ABLE TO** visit my granny next week.
2. Knock again. They **MAY** not have heard the first time.
3. You **CAN'T/MUSTN'T** smoke in the library.
4. You **SHOULDN'T HAVE** talked to her like that, she's crying.
5. It **MUST HAVE** been very cold last night, the water is frozen.
6. We **DON'T HAVE TO** do this activity, it's not compulsory but it helps us understand the lesson better.
7. That's impossible! It **CAN'T** be true!
8. You **MUST** be very careful, the roads are icy.

Vocabulary

RECOGNITION / STUNNING / GUIDANCE / BACKGROUND / PRESSURE /
COMMUTING / ACCOMPLISHMENT / EXCEL / GIFT / KNOWLEDGEABLE
/ HARMFUL

1. Her family is proud of all her **ACCOMPLISHMENT**
2. Parents must give their children **GUIDANCE**
3. She wanted some **RECOGNITION** for all her hard work.
4. Be careful, that product can be **HARMFUL** for you health.
5. I want to move to the centre of Paris; I'm tired of **COMMUTING** every day
6. I'm fairly **KNOWLEDGEABLE** about wine.
7. I think she has a special **GIFT** for music. She's one of the best piano players in the country.
8. The view from my window is **STUNNING**
9. I'd like to know more about your **BACKGROUND**
10. She works well under **PRESSURE**
11. You can enjoy music even if you don't **EXCEL** at it.